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Preliminary Amendment pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-cited application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraphs [00387] through [0044] with the following paragraphs.

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[0038] FIG. 6 shows a truncated cone hub element of a first alternative embodiment according to the present invention.

[0039] FIG. 7 shows a tapered triangular tapered tube hub element of a second alternative embodiment according to the present invention.

[0040] FIG. 8 shows a six-triangle struttured frame hub element of a third alternative embodiment according to the present invention.

[0041] FIG. 9 shows a four-triangle struttured frame hub element of a fourth alternative embodiment according to the present invention.

[0042] FIG. 10 shows a partial view of geodesic structure according to the present invention, constructed of tapered triangular tube hub elements and covered with a skin.

[0043] FIG. 11 shows a plurality of struttured frame elements according to the